

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department - Disciplinary action against Sri M. Baja Goud, Forest Range Officer (Retd) – Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years, besides recovery of apportioned Govt. loss of Rs.95,067/- – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 178

Dated: 27-10-2017

Read the following:

- Ref: 1) From the DG, (V&E) & E.O.Prl.Secy.to Govt, GAD
Vig. Report No.19, dt.14-2-03 C.No.909/V&E/NR2/01)
2) Govt. Memo.No.1304/For.IV/A1/03-1, Dt. 11-03-2003.
3) From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.11406/2003/PXT-3, Dt.4-6-05
4) G.M.No. 1304/For.IV/A1/03-3, dt.16-5-2006.
5) From the PCCF.Ref.No.11406/2003/K3,dt.16.02.2009.
6) Govt.Memo.No.1304/for.IV/A1/2003-5, dt:5-6-2009.
7) From the PCCF Ref.No.11406/2003/K3, dt:28-4-2010.
8) G.M.No. 1304/For.IV/A1/2003-5, dt:15-11-2010,
19-1-2011 & 22-7-2011.
9) From PCCF Lr.Rc.No.11406/03/K3, dt. 15-10-2013.
10) Govt. Memo. No.1304/For.III/A1/2003-11, Dt.3-10-15.
11) Govt. Memo. No.1304/for.III/A1/2003-12, Dt.3-10-2015.
12) Govt. Memo. No.1304/For.III/A1/2003-13, Dt.3-10-15.
13) Explanation of Sri M. Baja Goud, FRO (Retd), Dt.18-11-2015.
14) Govt.Memo.No.1304/For.III/A1/2003-14,Dt.28-11-2015.
15) From PCCF Lr.Rc.No.11406/2003/Vig-1, dt. 14-12-2015.
16) Govt. Memo.No.1304/For.III/A1/2003, Dt.28-01-2016
and 12-05-2017.
17) From PCCF Lr.Rc.No.11046/2003/Vig.1, dt. 18-05-2017.
18) Govt. Letter No. 1304/For.III/A1/2013-15, dt.08-06-2017.
19) From Addl. Secretary, TSPSC, Lr.No.482/RT/TSPSC/
2017, Dated 08-09-2017.

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The Director General, Vigilance and Enforcement Department in his letter 1st read above has furnished a report on the irregularities committed by certain forest subordinates in execution of 'Neeru Meeru' works in Medak Forest Division and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the erring forest officials in addition to recovery of excess expenditure of Rs. 3,80,270/-.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad in his letter 3rd read above, has informed that an Article of Charge has been issued to Sri M. Baja Goud, Forest Range Officer of Medak Forest Division vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in Ref.No. 11406/03/P1 dt.17-02-05 on the following count:

Article of charges

That he exhibited gross neglect of duty by:

- a) Not getting the important items like cement, concrete and CRs masonry works in the M. books pertains to (3) check dams constructed at Jairam Tanda, Kodepaka VSS and Nagasnipalli, because of which only quantities in Cums are recorded and amounts paid.

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- b) Making payments through measurements of check dam are recorded the quantities calculated are found to be different in the M.books compared to the quantity.
- c) Checking only the multiplication of quantities with rate and not checked the measurements since they were not recorded.
- d) Executing the check dam and percolation tank works without sanction of estimates by the Divisional Forest Officer, Medak.
- e) Not getting the work registers posted.
- f) Charging without actually carrying out the work of CC in 1:2:4 in 20 mm metal in construction of check dams at Jairam Tanda and Donagutta of Annaram VSS respectively.
- g) Charging adopting a higher rate than the admissible, and
- h) Incurring excess expenditure by booking for excess quantities resulting in misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.3,83,940/-

The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Article of Charges on 23-02-2005 and not submitted his written statement of defence. The Conservator of Forests, Nizamabad and Divisional Forest Officer, Medak were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests proc. Dt.6-6-2005 to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officer. The Inquiry Officer has submitted his report finding the charge framed against Sri M Baja Goud, Forest Range Officer as held proved and liable to recover the excess expenditure. The Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer vide CCF, Proceedings dt. 23-01-2009 and the Charged Officer has submitted his written representation on 02-02-2009. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that the apportioned Govt. loss of an amount of Rs.95,067/- is liable to be recovered from the Charged Officer, Sri M. Baja Goud, Forest Range Officer. As the Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years, besides recovery of apportioned Govt. loss of Rs.95,067/- on the Charged Officer, Sri M. Baja Goud, the then Forest Range Officer of Medak Forest Division, under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly a Show Cause Notice was issued to the Charged Officer vide 10th read above for his explanation if any on the proposed punishment. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Show Cause Notice and submitted his explanation vide his letter 13th read above. The concurrence of Telangana State Public Service Commission has been obtained vide letter 19th read above, to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years, besides recovery of apportioned Govt. loss of Rs.95,067/- against Sri Sri M. Baja Goud, Forest Range Officer of Medak Forest Division.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years, besides recovery of apportioned Govt. loss of Rs.95,067/- against Sri Sri M. Baja Goud, Forest Range Officer of Medak Forest Division as a measure of punishment under Rule 9 of T.S. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly, and report compliance.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

DR. RAJAT KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Telangana, Hyderabad)
The Accountant General (A&E), Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Addl. Secretary, Telangana State Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
(w.r.t. Lr.No.482/RT/TSPSC/2017, Dt:09-09-2017)
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER